

## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2021-SCC-0171]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and approval; Comment Request; Survey of Postgraduate Out comes for the Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad (DDRA) Program

**AGENCY:** Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE), Department of Education (ED).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing a reinstatement with change of a previously approved collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for proposed information collection requests should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this information collection request by selecting "Department of Education" under "Currently Under Review," then check "Only Show ICR for Public Comment" checkbox. Comments may also be sent to ICDocketmgr@ed.gov.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Pamela Maimer, 202-453-6891.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department

assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

Title of Collection: Survey of Postgraduate Out comes for the Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad (DDRA) Program

OMB Control Number: 1840-0840

Type of Review: A reinstatement with change of a previously approved collection

Respondents / Affected Public: Private Sector

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 157

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 40

Abstract: The purpose of Section 102(b)(6) of the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961 (Fulbright-Hays Act) is to promote and develop modern foreign language training and area studies throughout the educational structure of the United States. To help accomplish this objective, fellowships are awarded through US institutions of higher education to American doctoral dissertation fellows enabling them to conduct overseas research and enhance their foreign language proficiency. Under the Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad (DDRA) program, individual

scholars apply through eligible institutions for an institutional grant to support the

research fellowship. These institutions administer the program in cooperation with the

US Department of Education (US/ED). This information collection is the tool that can

gather the information necessary to determine the performance of the fellows and the

program. Since this collection is currently in a discontinued status, this collection

package is a reinstatement with change.

Dated: February 28, 2022.

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